

## This year's keynote speakers



Steve Smith

A four-time national champion for Great Britain in the men's high jump event and bronze medallist at the Atlanta Olympics, **Steve Smith** retired after injury in 1999. At 35, he is now a director of **Raise the Bar**, a training company that uses his experiences in sport as an inspirational learning model.

Belief in his goals, mental toughness and a resilience to failure were absolutely crucial to his athletic success and Steve's presentation will show how these relate to the challenges faced by referees.

Steve Smith will give a fascinating insight into elite level performance and will offer many choices on how you can raise the bar in your own life.

His presentations are both engaging and thought provoking.



**Mike Riley** – Mike has entertained and educated us at previous Conferences and has been prevailed upon again to take the platform. He has shown himself to be an accomplished performer and we look forward to his presentation this year to round off the Saturday afternoon session.

A current FIFA and Select Group Referee from Leeds who was appointed to the Euro 2004 Championship Finals, he is a staunch member of the RAE promoting its virtues to all aspiring referees for the support that it gives.

He is approaching his 28<sup>th</sup> year as a referee. He was elevated to the National List in 1994, to the Premier League in 1996 and has been on the FIFA List since 1999. During that time he has refereed the FA Vase Final, the FA Charity Shield, the FA Cup Final and the Carling Cup Final.

**PGMOL match officials including Steve Bennett, Martin Atkinson, Chris Foy, Mark Clattenburg and Howard Webb will be with us to lead our programme of workshops.**

### The Venue

The prestigious St Johns Hotel, Solihull has been chosen for its facilities and ambience. It is easily reached by air, road and rail being conveniently set in this beautiful Midlands town.

The local station is only ½ mile away with direct trains from London and Birmingham.

There is ample free parking in the hotel grounds.

The conference hall and meeting accommodation are top grade. The guest rooms are superb and the hotel's reputation for food and drink is renowned. Truly a worthy setting for such an important event.

